

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An information providing system comprising a parts information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts information providing system comprises:

a parts database storing parts information;

first designating means for designating parts; and

first display control means for searching said database for parts information corresponding to the parts designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprising:

a price database storing prices of parts and/or products for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of parts and/or products corresponding to a price at which said each of the parts and/or products is purchased from each supplier supplying the part and/or products at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;

second designating means for designating parts and/or products; and

second display control means for displaying prices of the parts and/or products at the plurality of bases designated by said second designating means together with information of the plurality of bases and supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts and/or products purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 2, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts and/or a product higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts and/or products from said price database.

Claim 5 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): An information providing system comprising a material information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said material information providing system comprises:

a material database storing material information;

first designating means for designating materials; and

first display control means for searching said material database for material information corresponding to the materials designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing prices of materials for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of materials corresponding to a price at which said each of the materials is purchased from each supplier supplying the materials at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;

second designating means for designating materials; and

second display control means for displaying prices of the materials at the plurality of bases designated by said second designating means together with information of the plurality of bases and the supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the materials purchased at the plurality of bases on said display means.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 7, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of a material higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the materials from said price database.

Claim 10 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 6, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An information providing system comprising a parts number information providing system and a price information providing system, wherein said parts number information providing system comprises:

a first database storing purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information;

first designating means for designating parts number; and

first display control means for searching said first database for purchase record information, and unit price history information and/or order schedule information corresponding to the parts number designated by said first designating means, and displaying the information on display means; and

wherein said price information providing system comprises:

a price database storing prices of parts, products, and/or materials for a plurality of bases, each of the prices of parts, products and/or materials corresponding to a price at which said each of the parts, products and/or materials is purchased from each supplier supplying the parts, products and/or materials at one of the plurality of bases to which said each supplier belongs;

second designating means for designating parts, products and/or materials, and

second display control means for displaying prices of the parts, products and/or materials at the plurality of bases designated by said second designating means, together with information of the plurality of bases and the supplier at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying a price difference between respective bases about the parts, products and/or materials purchased at the plurality of bases on the display means.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 12, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

price difference display control means for displaying information as to whether or not there is a price of parts, products and/or materials higher and/or lower than a price at other bases on the display means.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

download means for downloading price information at other bases about the parts, products and/or materials from said price database.

Claim 15 (Original): An information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said price information providing system further comprises:

cost cutting input means for inputting information about cost cutting information to said price database.

Claims 16-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (New): An information providing system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of bases correspond to different offices of a business.